

Appl. No. 09/221,952

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) An information apparatus for general information and resource management, comprising:

a plurality of acquisition resources, the plurality of acquisition resources configured to acquire information and directives, the information comprising multiple data types and the directives comprising control commands associated with the information;

a plurality of distribution resources **internal to the information apparatus**, coupled to the acquisition resources so as to receive and distribute all or part of the acquired information;

association resources, coupled to the acquisition and distribution resources, the association resources configured to provide an association annotation to the distribution resources, whereby the distribution resources distribute responsive to the association annotation; and

wherein the association annotation is based, at least in part, on an acquired directive, ~~the acquired directive having a first complexity, and the association annotation having a second complexity which is greater than the first complexity;~~
and

wherein the distribution resources comprise staging facilities, the staging facilities supporting indirect distribution of the acquired information by, prior to distribution of the acquired information, storing the association annotation, ~~a status data, and a pointer to the acquired information stored at the information apparatus,~~
wherein the acquisition resources comprise a plurality of transducing facilities

Appl. No. 09/221,952

and selected ones of the plurality of transducing facilities are grouped together for activation responsive to actuation of one acquisition control facility.

2. (Previously Presented) The information apparatus as claimed in Claim 1, further comprising processing resources coupled to one or more of the acquisition, association and distribution resources.
3. (Original) The information apparatus as claimed in Claim 2, wherein the processing resources comprise at least one of conditioning facilities, analog-to-digital conversion facilities, buffering or other storage facilities, recognition facilities, encryption facilities, compression facilities, coding facilities, and composing facilities.
4. (Original) The information apparatus as claimed in Claim 2, wherein the distribution resources selectively distribute information responsive to an association annotation, the annotation being based on the acquired information as processed by the processing resources.
5. (Original) The information apparatus as claimed in Claim 1, further comprising administration resources coupled to one or more of the acquisition, association and distribution resource, the administration resources comprising at least one of timer facilities, prompting facilities, and configuration facilities.

Appl. No. 09/221,952

6. (Currently Amended) The information apparatus as claimed in Claim 5, wherein the distribution resources selectively distribute information responsive to the association annotation, the association annotation being based on at least one of the information acquired by the acquisition resources or directives provided by the configuration facilities.

7. (Original) The information apparatus as claimed in Claim 5, wherein the configuration facilities providing support for a shared relevance space, the shared relevance space supporting coordination between the acquisition and distribution resources.

8. - 9. (Cancelled)

10. (Original) The information apparatus as claimed in Claim 5, wherein the configuration facilities support tracking of the user's use of the apparatus, such tracking being employable for updating of the configuration facilities.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Previously Presented) The information apparatus as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the acquisition resources comprise (a) at least one of transducing facilities and coupling facilities; and (b) acquisition control facilities for activating selected said transducing facilities and coupling facilities.

Appl. No. 09/221,952

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Original) The information apparatus as claimed in Claim 1, further comprising one or more exploiting resources to which the distribution resources distribute all or part of at least one of the information and the associated annotations, the exploiting resources comprising at least one of internal exploiting resources and external exploiting resources.

15. (Original) The information apparatus as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the association resources comprise at least one of directive management facilities, annotating facilities and association control facilities.

16. (Original) The information apparatus as claimed in Claim 15, wherein (a) the directive management facilities support receipt and processing of directives acquired as information by the acquisition resources, (b) the annotating facilities formulate annotations based on at least one of the received directives and of configurations, such configurations being predetermined, user-adjustable and combinations of same, and (c) the association control facilities provide for activating the association resources.

17. (Original) The information apparatus as claimed in Claim 1, further comprising control coordinating resources coupled to the acquisition resources and to the

Appl. No. 09/221,952

association resources.

18. (Original) The information apparatus as claimed in Claim 17, wherein the control coordinating resources coordinate activations of the acquisition and association resources.

19. (Currently Amended) The information apparatus as claimed in Claim 18, wherein the control coordinating resources provide one or more of (a) accommodation of the application of directives other than from real-time, transducer-based acquisition, (b) operation independently of the sequence of acquisition of associated information and directives and (c) handling of use, of both of common and of differing, transducing facilities.

20. (Currently Amended) The information apparatus as claimed in Claim 18, wherein the control coordinating resources is implemented to recognize the completion of a primary information acquisition, so as to timely and automatically activate a secondary acquisition, ~~such activation being direct or indirect.~~

21. (Previously Presented) The information apparatus as claimed in Claim 1, further comprising a user-actuable switching mechanism, coupled to the acquisition resources, for switching the acquisition resources between acquiring information and acquiring directives.